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DIRECTIVES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN YUGOSLAV FARM WORK COOPERATIVES

The Council for Agriculture and Forestry of the Federal Government of Yugoslavia has issued the following directives for the improvement of livestock-breeding cooperatives:

- 1. Each farm work cooperative will organize at least two livestock farms, one for large /i.e., horses and cattle and one for small livestock /i.e., sheep and goats , by the end of the year at the latest. The organi-Zational plan is to be completed by 1 August 1950. The Ministries of Agriculture of the individual republics will take inventory of the number of cooperatives which have organized farms and will report to the Council every 10 days beginning 15 June 1950. Each newly established farm work cooperative is obliged to organize at least two farms in the year following its establishment. Larger and expanding cooperatives will organize three to four ferms depending on conditions.
- 2. Farm work cooperatives are to contribute all their livestock to the herds of the livestock farms.
- 3. Farm work cooperatives which have suitable conditions will organize horse farms. Other cooperatives will arrange for the regular admission of mares for breeding purposes in order to provide the necessary number of work and breeding horses.
- h. The following steps shall be taken to secure male breeding stock for farm work cooperatives: This year the Ministry of State Farms, together with the republic Councils, will draw up a plan for distributing breeding stock from state farms to farm work cooperatives and deliver it to the federal Council for Agriculture and Forestry by 15 June 1950; the Ministry of Agriculture will provide for securing breeding stock from private owners through fairs, exhibitions, and shows. In order to secure the necessary stock of cattle for breeding purposes, the licensing of each breeding bull will be required by 30 September 1950. The Ministry of Agriculture, aided by the republic Councils for Agriculture and Forestry, will issue regulations and instructions regarding licensing.

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- 5. Each cooperative is required to secure male breeding stock for regular breeding of all kinds of livestock in the cooperative and on the personal holdings of its members. The Ministry of Agriculture will aid in securing the livestock and in keeping records about breeding stock and breeding.
- 6. The republic Councils for Agriculture and Forestry will make plans for artificial insemination and will present them to the Council for Agriculture and Forestry of the Federal Government by 1 August 1950.
- 7. Farm work cooperatives with a sufficient number of livestock, if organizationally qualified, will maintain breeding females. The republic Ministry of Agriculture will provide a plan for their maintenance and will handle selection through its own bureau for the improvement of production. Bookkeeping is obligatory on all farms maintaining breeding females.
- 8. The republic Councils for Agriculture and Forestry in cooperation with the federal Council for Agriculture and Forestry will work out a system and organization for veterinary service to cooperative and private owners by 1 July 1950, for the purpose of protecting stock from parasitic and other dis-
- 9. The following measures will be taken for providing fodder reserves and producing a satisfactory quantity of livestock feed in cooperatives: gradual provision of necessary plantings of fodder crops and seeds, improvement of production, use of better methods for the preparation of fodder, and the use of all possible sources of stock feed. The councils of the republic Ministry of Agriculture will analyze the problem of liming and furnish a plan for liming the meadows and pastures in 1950. The plan, the problems, and measures taken will be presented to the Council for Agriculture and Forestry of the Federal Government by 10 June 1950. The republic Ministry of Agriculture is to see that existing silo towers and silo pits are filled this year, and to provide for large-scale production of green feed crops in each farm work cooperative.
- 10. The republic Ministry of Agriculture will indicate the regions and cooperatives which are to be given priority in materials, particularly lumber for the construction of pig pens, fattening pens, silo towers, silo pits, stables, cisterns, wells, watering places, etc. It will also decide what quantities of copper and tin are necessary for kettles in which feed is prepared, how much harness and equipment for milking and core of stock is necessary, and will arrange for their planned distribution next year.
- 11. The republic Ministries of Agriculture will take measures for all farms to organize livestock brigades and to strengthen the brigade system of work. The republic Ministries of Agriculture will set work and production goals in livestock breeding and establish a system of bonuses connected with these goals.
- 12. The republic Ministries of Agriculture will survey all middle-school and university personnel in designated fields, make an analysis based on the survey, and propose a program for new and more equitable distribution by 15 June 1950. One or more middle schools will be established for livestock study or existing schools will be converted to this field by 1 August 1950. In the same period, the republic ministries will present a plan and program of courses for the brigadiers of the cooperative livestock brigades.
- 13. The republic Councils for Agriculture and Forestry will establish an institute of livestock breeding, especially designed for solving specific problems arising in livestock production.

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14. The republic Ministries of Agriculture will perfect plans for maintaining fairs, exhibitions, and parades. The plans will be furnished to the Council by 15 June 1950.

15. The republic Councils for Agriculture will take measures to popularize livestock production through the daily press and technical periodicals. The republic Ministries of Agriculture will perfect plans for printing brochures and manuals for the brigadiers of livestock farms.

The federal Council for Agriculture and Forestry issued the following resolutions regarding seed service:

- 1. Particular care will be devoted to the organization of a stronger seed service and to the provision of necessary personnel, to encourage the production, purchase, and distribution of seeds; also to provide that the srez People's Council crop production committees solve problems involved in seed culture and that contracts are signed with suitable individuals for work in seed culture.
- 2. Regional seed enterprises will be established where conditions are not suitable for establishing srez enterprises. The regional enterprises may have their own buyers contract for and purchase seed in the srez. To accomplish their work more easily, purchasers are to cooperate with farm work cooperatives.
- 3. The republic Ministries of Agriculture are obliged to provide all types of seeds of their own production and to produce surpluses of seeds as specified for the federal Council for Agriculture and Forestry for export and for aid to the other republics.
- 4. Plots will be designated for growing seed for fodder crops, and economic regulations will be provided to stimulate production this year. At the same time the production of seeds of red clover and lucerne will be organized and contracted for.
- 5. The federal Council for Agriculture and Forestry and the federal Council for Commerce will prescribe uniform purchase prices for industrial crop seeds and wheat, rye, barley, oat, corn, rice, bean, and potato seed, and will prescribe tied prices for other kinds of seeds at the need arises.

The regulation of selling prices for seeds of grain, potatoes, and beans, and the regulation of purchase and sale prices for all other kinds of seeds are under the jurisdiction of the republics. The republic Ministry of Agriculture, together with its production council, is to analyze and solve the problem of free prices for seed and is to stimulate production through bonuses, incentives, etc. It is to study seeds being offered and those in demand, and to investigate the possibilities of exchanging seeds for other agricultural products, such as hav.

- 6. In this year's campaign to purchase agricultural products, cooperation is essential between the srez People's Council agricultural agents and the crop purchase authorities. The separation of all purchased grain seeds, their separate storage, and preservation of seeds for 1951 must be organized.
- 7. Care shall be taken so that approved seeds and seed produced on seed plots will not be sold but will be left for seed reserves.
- 8. The republic Ministries of Agriculture and the republic Council for Commerce of the Federal Government will furnish instructions regarding sections 6 and 7 of the above, and will send them at the proper time to the srez People's Council agricultural agents.

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The federal Council for Agriculture and Forestry came to the following conclusions regarding the obligations of the socialist sectors:

- 1. The srez People's Councils, after receiving their quota for the total quantity of white grain which they are required to deliver to the state reserve, on the basis of the joint advice of their own planning commissions, the agricultural agents, and the government procurement agents, will determine what quantities the cooperative and private sectors are to deliver.
- 2. After receiving the quotas which the cooperative sector is required to deliver, the agricultural agent, in consultation with the president of the cooperative, will determine the quota of each cooperative on the basis of the production plan and the reported surpluses. The Commission for State Delivery will order purchasing enterprises to enter into contracts with cooperatives on the basis of these quotas.
- 3. The srez People's Council is to give the cooperative its quota, in writing, by 15 June 1950. This quota cannot be changed, regardless of whether production is greater or less than was expected when the quota was fixed. Exception is made for decreased production due to bad weather.
- 4. The President and the Administrative Council of the cooperative, on the basis of the quota, will take organizational, political, technical, and other measures to fulfill the plan in respect to yields and compulsory deliveries to the state.
- 5. Specific directions for the disposition of grain and other agricultural products in cooperatives will be formed on the following principles: the amount prescribed for compulsory delivery to the state shall be set aside first; then the quantities necessary for reproduction or propagation on cooperative holdings (seed, fodder, and reserves). From the remainder, the cooperative will be free to distribute the quantities necessary for food for its members, food for livestock on the members' individual holdings, and for tied (or free) sale to state enterprises. Products will be divided among members solely according to the number of work days worked.
- 6. The corn quota of the cooperative will be determined on the basis of its quota of fat hogs. This problem is to be analyzed with reference to this year's experience at a future meeting of the federal Council for Agriculture and Forestry.
- 7. For state farms, bookkeeping commissions will be formed to determine the quantities necessary for reproduction and delivery to state enterprises.
- 8. Quotas for delivery of fat hogs will be determined on the basis of contracts with the purchasing enterprises, provided that the obligations of both are arrived at properly.

The following instructions were issued regarding seed and care of crops:

- l. Plant all existing arable areas, regardless of planned quotas. Strive to fulfill plans for those industrial crops which can still be planted, such as cotton, tobacco, and sesame. Strive unremittingly to plant areas where animal and manpower are insufficient.
- . 2. Pay particular attention to gathering information every 10 days regarding cultivation and care of crops. Mobilize all mass, local governmental, and party organizations so that the largest possible yields may be attained through timely cultivation and care of crops. Pay special attention to hoeing and the care of crops in the newer cooperatives which are not yet strongly organized.

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3. The Ministries of Agriculture and the srez People's Councils shall make a complete analysis of this year's spring sowing, so that experience may be used to advantage and management improved from year to year. The Commission for Agriculture of the srez People's Councils should study particularly the state of crops in the srez. Such studies will be valuable in planning for the coming year.

Nonessential farms belonging to institutions or enterprises are to be handed over to municipal or srez councils as local enterprises. Likewise, srez and municipal farms will be converted immediately to local enterprises. An exception will be made for farms belonging to larger industrial enterprises and institutions.

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